Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (new): A method for controlling the length of play of a casino game, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of visible play positions in a display of the casino game to a player,

enabling the player to select a fixed number of visible play positions in play of the casino game, at least one of the plurality of visible play positions having a hidden element changing the fixed number,

receiving an input from the player when the player selects one of the plurality of visible play positions,

displaying the hidden element when the selected visible play position has the hidden element changing the fixed number,

controlling the length of the casino game when the displayed hidden element changes the fixed number by adjusting the number of remaining selections,

ending the casino game when no further number of remaining selections remain.

Claim 37 (new): The method of claim 36 wherein the hidden element affecting the fixed number adjusts the number by increasing the number by one.

Claim 38 (new): A method for controlling the length of bonus game play for a casino bonus game played on an underlying gaming machine, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of visible play positions in a display of the casino bonus game to a player, each of the plurality of visible play positions having a hidden element,

enabling the player to select a fixed number of visible play positions, at least one of the plurality of visible play positions having a hidden element changing the fixed number,

receiving an input from the player when the player selects one of the plurality of visible play positions,

displaying the hidden element of the selected visible play position,

controlling the length of the casino game, when the displayed hidden element is the hidden element changing the fixed number, by adjusting the number of remaining selections,

ending the casino bonus game when no further number of remaining selections remain.

Claim 39 (new): The method of claim 38 wherein each hidden element when displayed in response to receiving the input is either a correct result or an incorrect result in the play of the casino game, the correct result being the hidden element affecting the fixed number.

Claim 40 (new): The method of claim 39 wherein each displayed correct result adjusts the number of remaining selections by increasing the number by one.

Claim 41 (new): The method of claim 38 wherein each hidden element when displayed in response to receiving the input is either a correct result or an incorrect result in the play of the casino game, the fixed number being a set number based on the incorrect results displayed.

Claim 42 (new): The method of claim 38 wherein each hidden element when displayed in response to receiving the input is either a correct result or an incorrect result in the play of the casino game, the fixed number being a set number based on the correct results displayed.

Claim 43 (new):   A method for controlling the length of bonus game play for a casino bonus game played on an underlying gaming machine, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of visible play positions in a display of the casino bonus game to a player, each of the plurality of visible play positions having a hidden element,

enabling the player to select a fixed number of visible play positions during play of the bonus game, at least one of the plurality of visible play positions having a hidden element changing the fixed number,

receiving an input from the player when the player selects one of the plurality of visible play positions, each input decrementing the fixed number by one,

displaying the hidden element of the selected visible play position,

controlling the length of the casino game, when the displayed hidden element is the hidden element changing the fixed number, by incrementing the number of remaining selections by at least one.

Claim 44 (new):   The method of claim 43 further comprising:

ending the casino bonus game when no further number of remaining selections remain.

Claim 45 (new):   The method of claim 43 wherein each hidden element when displayed in response to receiving the input is either a correct result or an incorrect result in the play of the casino game, the correct result being the hidden element affecting the fixed number.

Claim 46 (new):   The method of claim 43 wherein each hidden element when displayed in response to receiving the input is either a correct result or an incorrect result in the play of the casino game, the fixed number being a set number based on the incorrect results displayed.

Claim 47 (new):   The method of claim 43 wherein each hidden element when displayed in response to receiving the input is either a correct result or an incorrect result in

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the play of the casino game, the fixed number being a set number based on the correct results displayed.